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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the below named inventor, I/We hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe that I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention which has the following title:

names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and	l for which a
patent is sought on the invention which has the following title:	
Surgical Instrument with Offset Jaw Actuator	
the specification of which:	
XX is attached hereto,	
was filed on	_ as
Application Serial No:	
and was amended on	
(if applicable)	
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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of	f the above
identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any	
referred to above. I acknowledge a duty to disclose information v	vhich is
material to the examination of this application in accordance with	ı Title 37,
Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a).	
PRIORITY CLAIM - SECTION 119	
I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United St	tates Code,
Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventors	certificate
or any PCT International application(s) designating at least one o	country other
than the United States of America listed below and have also ident	tified below
any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or	any PCT
international application(s) designating at least one country othe	er than the
United States of America filed by me on the same subject matter ha	aving a
filing date before that of the application(s) of which priority is	s claimed.
XX no such applications have been filed.	
such applications have been filed as follows:	
Country: App. Number: Day/Month/Year: Priority (Yes No Yes No	Claimed: -

PRIORITY CLAIM - SECTION 120

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, Section 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of

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Title 35, United States Code, Section 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

<u>XX</u>	no such applic	cations have bee	n filed.	
	such applicati	ions have been f	iled as follows:	
Application	Serial No:	Filing Date:	Patented, Pending,	Abandoned:
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DECLARATION

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Title 18, United States Code, Section 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

POWER OF ATTORNEY

As the named inventor(s), I/We, hereby appoint the following attorney to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Direct all correspondence and telephone calls to:

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Title: Surgical Instrument with Offset Jaw Actuator
VERIFIED STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
UNDER 37 CFR 1.9(f) AND 1.27(b) - INDEPENDENT INVENTOR
As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an
independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying
reduced fees under Section 41(a) and (b) of Title 35, United States Code, to
the Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above identified invention
described in:
XX_ the specification filed herewith.
application identified above.
the patent identified above.
the Provisional Patent application filed herewith
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